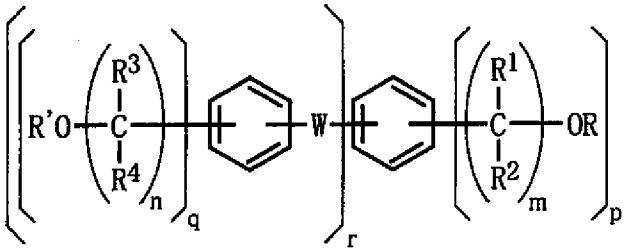
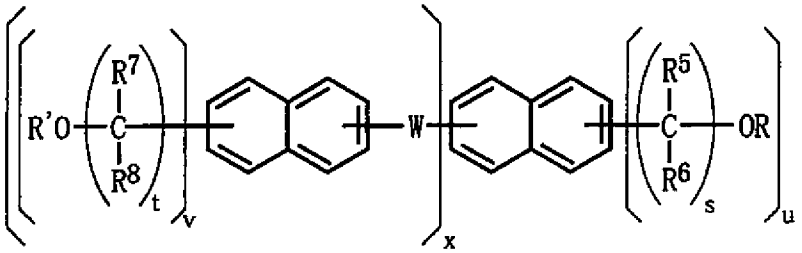
AMENDED CLAIM SET:

1. (currently amended) An aromatic vinyl ether compound represented by following Formula (1) or (2):



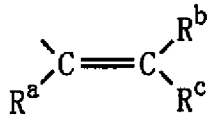
(1)



(2)

wherein

R and R' may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom or a group represented by following Formula (3):



(3)

wherein R^a, R^b, and R^c may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7, and R^8 may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom or a substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon group;

W is a linkage group selected from the group consisting of arylene groups, sulfur atoms, and thiocarbonyl groups;

m is an integer of 0 to 4;

n is an integer of 0 to 4;

p is an integer of 1 to 6;

q is an integer of 0 to 5;

r is 0 or 1;

s is an integer of 0 to 4;

t is an integer of 0 to 4;

u is an integer of 1 to 8;

v is an integer of 1 to 7; and

x is 0 or 1,

provided that r and m are not concurrently 0, and that when any of the numbers m, n, p, q, s, t, u and v is 2 or more, the resulting two or more groups may be the same or different,

each substituent on the naphthalene rings shown in Formula (2) may be combined with any of eight carbon atoms constituting the naphthalene ring except the bridgehead positions,

the benzene rings and naphthalene rings in the formulae may further have at least one substituent in addition to the substituents shown in the formulae,

at least one of pRs in Formula (1) is the group represented by Formula (3),

at least one of uRs in Formula (2) is the group represented by Formula (3),

in Formula (1),

R^1 and R^2 are each a substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon group and R^a in Formula (3) in R is an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms when r is 0, m is 1, and p is 1;

all of R^1, R^2, and R^a in Formula (3) in R are not concurrently hydrogen atoms when r is 0, m is 1 and p is 2;

when r is 1, m is 0, and n is 0, W is not a sulfur atom;

p is an integer of 1 to 5 and q is an integer of 0 to 5 when r is 1, m is 0, n is 0, and W is a linkage group selected from the group consisting of arylene groups~~, sulfur atoms,~~ and thiocarbonyl groups; and

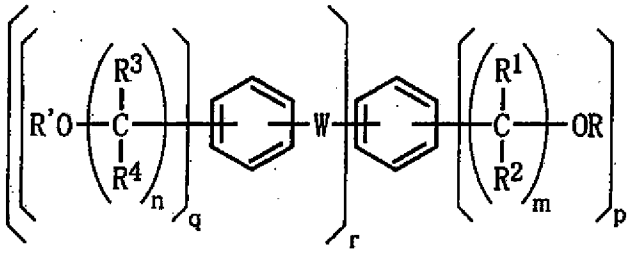
in Formula (2), u is an integer of 2 to 8 when x is 0 and s is 0.

2. (cancelled).

3. (withdrawn) The aromatic vinyl ether compound according to claim 1, which is represented by Formula (1),

wherein r is 0; m is 1; p is 1; R^1 and R^2 may be the same or different and are each an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a cycloalkyl group having 3 to 6 members or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group; and R^a in Formula (3) in R is an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

4. (previously presented) An aromatic vinyl ether compound represented by following Formula (1):

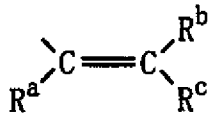


(1)

wherein:

r is 0; m is 1; and p is 2,

two Rs may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom or a group represented by following Formula (3):



(3)

wherein R^a, R^b, and R^c may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

R^1, R^2, R^3, and R^4 may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom or a substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon group;

W is a linkage group selected from the group consisting of arylene groups, sulfur atoms, and thiocarbonyl groups;

the resulting two groups of p may be the same or different;

the benzene rings in Formula (1) may further have at least one substituent in addition to the substituents shown in the formula;

at least one of two Rs in Formula (1) is the group represented by Formula (3); and

all of R^1, R^2, and R^a in Formula (3) in R are not concurrently hydrogen atoms, and wherein:

(i) at least one of two R^1s and two R^2s is an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a cycloalkyl group having 3 to 6 members or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, or

(ii) at least one of R^as in Formula (3) in two Rs is an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

5. (withdrawn) The aromatic vinyl ether compound according to claim 1, which is represented by Formula (1), wherein

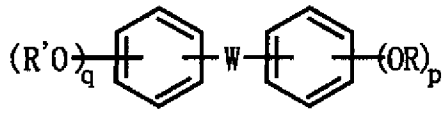
(i) r is 0, m is 1, and p is an integer of 3 to 6;

(ii) r is 0 and m is an integer of 2 to 4; or

(iii) r is 1, and R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a cycloalkyl group having 3 to 6 members or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group.

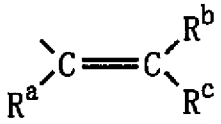
6. (withdrawn) The aromatic vinyl ether compound according to claim 1, which is represented by Formula (2), wherein R^5, R^6, R^7, and R^8 may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a cycloalkyl group having 3 to 6 members or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group.

7. (currently amended) An aromatic vinyl ether compound represented by following Formula (1a):



(1a)

wherein R and R' may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom or a group represented by following Formula (3):



(3)

wherein R^a, R^b, and R^c may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

W is a carbonyl group or a sulfonyl group;

p is an integer of 1 to 5; and

q is 0 or 1,

wherein p is an integer of 2 to 5 when ~~W is a carbonyl group and~~ q is 0,

when p is 2 or more, the resulting two or more groups in the formula may be the same or different,

the benzene rings shown in the formula may each have at least one subsistent in addition to the substituents shown in the formula, and at least one of pRs is the group represented by Formula (3), and wherein:

when q is 1 and p is 1, any one of R and R' is a group represented by Formula (3) and the other of the R and R' is a hydrogen atom, and the two benzene rings shown in the Formula (1a) are not concurrently combined with a hydroxyl group and are not concurrently combined with a vinoxy group when W is a carbonyl group; and

when ~~q is 0 and p is 2, both of~~ p is an integer of 2 to 5, at least two Rs are groups represented by Formula (3) when W is a carbonyl group.

8. (cancelled).

9. (cancelled).

10. (cancelled).

11. (cancelled).

12. (cancelled).

13. (cancelled).